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As it is presently constituted the College of Cardinals has 48 members. Of these approximately 30 are Italians. Obviously, the political orientation of the cardinals is predominantly conservative and especially so among the Italians. However, the non-Italian cardinals, when they have any political interest at all, are quite frequently found on the side of pro-democracy forces within the Catholic Church. The distinction between conservatism and reactionaryism among cardinals is a difficult one to draw. Yet, it must be drawn at least in the case of the Italian cardinals. The following list of the more important cardinals and their attitudes was drawn up after consulting with a number of people who have had intimate knowledge of these men over a period of years.

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TISSERANT—Secretary of the Sacred Oriental Congregation. Cardinal TISSERANT is the leader of the anti-Fascist prelates in the Catholic Church. His influence cannot possibly be underestimated and he is a deadly opponent of Cardinal Boetto. These two Cardinals engaged in a most bitter controversy during the Spanish Civil War and, while Boetto was the winner Cardinal TESSERANT's influence has since mounted steadily among the clergy in Europe.

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